

## Message Text

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ORIGIN EB-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 FMC-02 ARA-14 CIAE-00 COME-00  
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, TD

SUBJECT: PORT CONGESTION

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BRIEF UPDATE ON STATUS  
OF PORT CONGESTION, AND GOTT EFFORTS TO RELIEVE IT.

2. FYI. THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION HAS WRITTEN  
TO THE LEeward AND WINDWARD ISLANDS CONFERENCE, WHICH  
SERVES THE U.S. EAST COAST/TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TRADE,  
ASKING WHY IT IS CHARGING A 25 PERCENT CONGESTION  
SURCHARGE. QUESTION ARISES IN PART BECAUSE THE  
CONFERENCE WHICH SERVES THE U.S. WEST COAST/TRINIDAD AND  
TOBAGO TRADE HAS IMPOSED A SURCHARGE OF ONLY 12.5  
PERCENT. CONFERENCE HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO LATEST FMC  
INQUIRY, SENT IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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